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SUBJ: NIGERIAN PETROLEUM SALES TO AFRICAN NATIONS

REF: LAGOS 1091, FREETOWN 0208, LAGOS 554

1. HEAD OF MOBIL OIL EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT DESPITE SIERRA LEONEAN DESIRES NO CONCESSIONAL SALES OR EXTENSION OF CREDIT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON OR MADE BY FMG TO THIS COUNTRY. MOBIL OIL NEW YORK DOES EXTEND CREDITS UP TO NINETY DAYS TO MOBIL OIL SIERRA LEONE. WE UNDERSTAND SIMILAR AGREEMENTS, TO GIVE GOSL NINETY DAYS CREDIT, EXIST FOR TEXACO, BP, AND SHELL. THIS IS AN INTERNAL COMPANY TRANSACTION UNRELATED TO FMG.

2. EARLY IN 1977 NIGERIA SENT A TEAM OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO EVALUATE POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN SIERRA LEONE. THE NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR AT THAT TIME DID RAISE WITH AMBASSADOR SAMUELS AND OTHERS THE POSSIBILITY THAT SIERRA LEONE COULD PAY FOR A PORTION OF ITS OIL IMPORTS IN LEONES, WHICH WOULD THEN BE USED BY FMG TO DEFRAY COSTS OF TECHNICAL PROJECTS.

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HOWEVER, WHEN THE OIL COMPANIES ASKED ABOUT THIS THEY REPORTEDLY WERE INFORMED BY FMG THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO CARRY THE LEONE ACCOUNT. SINCE ALL OIL COMPANIES IN SIERRA LEONE ALREADY ARE BURDENED BY EXCESS OF LEONES, THEY DECLINED. THE NIGERIAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ALSO HAS NOT MATERIALIZED.
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